

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2000
MISUSE OF VISAS BY TOURISTS
KAMAL NATH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cases of misuse of visas by tourists coming to India from Uzbekistan and Central Asia have been reported by the Indian Embassy at Tashkent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the security agencies are monitoring the activities of such tourists and also certain hotels in Delhi in this connection;
- (d) if so, the number of tourists detected for misusing the visas or engaged in drug trafficking during the last three years; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (L.K.ADVANI)

- (a)&(b): Yes Sir. The report mentioned misuse of tourist visas for indulging in undesirable activities including gold and drug Smuggling.
- (c): Yes Sir.
- (d) & (e) : During this period 22 persons belonging to the CIS countries were arrested for misuse of visa and engaging in unlawful activities. Action was taken against these persons under the provisions of the relevant Law.